

Senate Resolution 108 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 108

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1 A Resolution designating March 22, 2016, as Iowa
2 Women's History Day.

3 WHEREAS, Iowa women of every race, class, and
4 ethnic background have made historic contributions
5 to the growth and strength of our state and nation
6 in countless recorded and unrecorded ways including
7 through the struggle for women's rights; and

8 WHEREAS, Iowa women have played and continued to
9 play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in
10 our state by constituting a significant portion of the
11 labor force working inside and outside of the home
12 despite being underpaid; and

13 WHEREAS, Iowa women were particularly important in
14 the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic,
15 and cultural institutions in our state and nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Iowa women and men amended the Iowa
17 Constitution to provide that all men and women are, by
18 nature, free and equal, and have certain inalienable
19 rights; and

20 WHEREAS, Iowa women have been leaders in business,
21 government, industry, and academia, as well as in the
22 abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the
23 industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement,
24 the peace movement, and the women's suffrage movement,
25 helping to create a more fair and just society for
26 all; and

27 WHEREAS, despite these contributions, and those
28 of women throughout the world, the role of women

1 has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in
2 the literature, teaching, and study of history; NOW
3 THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
5 designates March 22, 2016, as Iowa Women's History
6 Day and invites the citizens of Iowa to continue
7 to discover the roles that Iowa women have played
8 throughout the history of our state and nation.